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Winter Wheat Harvest Nearing Completion

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state were slightly above average, ranging from 34 to 52 at night and from 88 to 101 during the day. Most of the of the state, received little or no rainfall. For the week ending August 28, major agricultural activities involved harvesting crops, irrigating, and spraying fungicides and insecticides.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle graze summer pastures and ranges. Livestock were reported to be in good to excellent condition.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, most crops are reported to be in good to excellent condition. Fruit harvest in the Treasure Valley continued this week. Apple harvest is underway, while the peach harvest is nearing completion and the plum and prune harvest is about halfway through. Winter wheat harvest is nearing completion, and some dryland producers in Power County have begun planting winter wheat for harvest in 2006. Farmers in Caribou County are becoming worried about harvest delays. Field work was slowed again this week due to rainstorms. Extension Educators in Lincoln County reported that some fields are experiencing vole problems.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture declined slightly from last week to 10% very short, 57% short, and 33% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	1	--	2
Oats Harvested for Grain	54	58	52
Onions Harvested	2	11	12
Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed	26	41	32
Alfalfa Hay – 3 rd Cutting	51	56	53
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	6	5	3
Dry Beans Harvested	7	9	12
Dry Peas Harvested	72	89	80
Lentils Harvested	66	89	80
Mint–1st Cutting Harvested	82	94	94

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	--	1	7	62	30
Barley	--	1	8	51	40
Potato	--	--	22	55	23
Irr. Water Supply	--	5	36	53	6
Range & Pasture	1	12	37	39	11

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Harvested	92	90	91	100	100	100	91	100	100	85	85	93	90	91	94
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	64	66	63	100	99	99	79	96	91	53	58	69	61	67	72
Barley															
Harvested	73	72	66	100	99	99	81	92	90	40	48	62	55	64	70
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	17	34	20	1	1	6	--	1	1	1	4	4
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested	76	98	84	100	100	100	99	100	100	96	84	92	97	92	95

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 28, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total ^{5/}	Dept ^{3/}	Month of August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	93	45	66	2	3056	1597	1503	0.00	-0.85	0.40	4.24	12.43
Grangeville	89	47	68	4	2741	1357	1249	0.00	-0.34	0.13	14.54	14.35
Lewiston	95	52	74	2	4169	2486	2214	0.00	-0.19	0.07	7.90	6.50
Sand Point	88	40	--	--	2795	1398	1249	0.00	-0.37	0.43	14.31	13.20
Southwest												
Boise	99	51	75	5	4094	2486	2130	0.00	-0.10	0.00	7.65	5.37
Caldwell	99	48	74	3	3964	2337	2385	0.00	-0.09	0.00	5.39	4.77
Emmett	97	48	71	1	3727	2175	2082	0.00	-0.10	0.13	4.81	5.49
Mountain Home	100	48	75	4	4156	2564	2133	0.04	-0.04	0.27	6.45	4.06
Parma	99	45	--	--	3749	2169	2026	0.00	-0.11	0.00	3.19	4.87
Weiser	101	52	74	4	4036	2430	2121	0.00	-0.10	0.01	4.56	4.84
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3059	1646	1760	--	--	--	--	4.57
Burley	89	42	66	-2	3056	1635	1758	0.00	-0.12	0.27	10.22	4.90
Hill City	91	37	64	2	2388	1178	1075	0.00	-0.11	0.00	8.26	5.08
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	4143	2523	2226	--	--	--	--	4.26
Malta	95	43	68	2	3184	1756	1531	0.00	-0.15	0.66	7.55	5.56
Twin Falls	95	41	70	4	3267	1828	1556	0.00	-0.11	0.26	9.66	5.04
East												
Aberdeen	94	42	67	3	2698	1429	1380	0.00	-0.14	0.07	4.94	4.70
Grace	90	42	65	2	2442	1245	1218	0.01	-0.31	1.03	6.92	8.51
Idaho Falls	88	34	63	-1	2633	1343	1434	0.00	-0.20	0.35	7.87	5.89
Malad City	93	43	69	3	2962	1603	1538	0.20	-0.05	1.31	8.35	7.64
Pocatello	91	42	67	0	3008	1638	1620	0.00	-0.19	0.76	10.47	6.26
Rexburg	90	40	65	1	2642	1377	1329	0.00	-0.18	0.67	8.48	7.32
Salmon	91	41	--	--	2744	1410	--	0.00	--	0.33	3.40	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.